THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) As per land use statistics 1993-94 (latest available), the total area under cultivation of foodgrains and horticulture (Fruits, Vegetable and Condiments and Spices) crops in Orissa was 72.07 and 12.69 lakh hectares respectively.

(b) As per Agricultural Census, 1990-91 the estimated number of operational holdings under foodgrains and horticulture crops in Orissa are 29.73 and 1.92 lakhs respectively.

(c) To increase the production of foodgrains crops, the Government is implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes in various States including Orissa. Under these schemes, the incentives are provided to the farmers including SC/ST on key inputs like production and distribution of seeds, seed minikits, improved farm implements, sprinkler/sets etc. which also cover, the tribal areas of the State. The major thrust in horticulture sector is for providing better planting/seed material, rejuvenation/rehabilitation of existing plantations, installation of drip irrigation system, use of green house cultivation, infrastruture for post-harvest handling and marketing, and development of market intelligence.

(d) The Scheme-wise release of funds for 1995-96 and allocation during 1996-97 for the development of Foodgrains and Horticulure Crops in Orissa is given in attached *Statement*.

STATEMENT

Scheme-wise release of funds for 1995-96 and allocation during 1996-97 for development of foodgrain and horticulture crops in Orissa

(Rs in lakh)

Scheme	1995-96 (Release)	1996-97 (Allocation)
1	2	3
A. Foodgrain Crops		
1 Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice)	478.43	525.92
2 Accelerated Maize Development Programme	16.55	35.44
3 National Pulses Development Project (NPDP)	131.66	160.00
B. Horticulture Crops		
1 Development of Commercial Floriculture	-	4.00
2 Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants	0.75	0.75
3 Development of Mushroom	-	20.00
4 Development of Tropical Arid and Temperate Fruits	191.80	83.83
6 Development of Root and Tuber Crops	1.70	1.70
7 Development of Spices	124.40	48.41
8 Development of Vegetables	8.58	6.25
9 Use of Plastics in Agriculture	-	45.13
10 Development of Betelvine	1.24	1.43

Sugar Export Quota

2693 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sugar industry is sore over the delay in release of the additional export quota of 10 lakh tonnes of sugar;

(b) if so, whether there is a frequent delay in the release of export quota of sugar;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether after decanalisation of the sugar export, the prices in the global market has declined by $ 50 per tonne and the Indian Sugar Industry has incurred a huge loss on the export;

(e) if so, the details in this regard indicating estimated loss during 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far;

(f) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (f). The export quota is being released keeping in view the request of export agencies. Against additional export authorisation, release on the request of Indian Sugar and General Industries Export Import Corporation (ISGIEIC) and State Trading Corporation (STC) have already been issued. Further release will also follow on request pending decanalising of export. Export prices depend upon a host of factors including international sugar prices which are quite sensitive to the market sentiments.

Spending from Consumer Welfare Fund

2694 SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :
SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS :
SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fund from the Consumer Welfare